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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

SMITH, MIKE

Examiner

Suzanne Dino Barrett

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 26 November 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 26 November 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 11/26/03.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Drawings

1. The drawings are objected to as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(4) because reference character "38" has been used to designate both the base and the rod in Figure 1. A proposed drawing correction or corrected drawings are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Claim Objections

2. Claim 19 is objected to because of the following informalities: in line 1, "ant-prying" is misspelled and should be --anti-prying--. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claims 1-3,6-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Vick 5,873,273. Vick teaches an anti-prying device for a hinged door comprising a base 8 having a plurality of anchor holes 7 to receive bolts or screws (col. 5, lines 44-53) and a rod member 2 disposed between the floor surface and the door hinge. It is noted that

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the safe is not positively claimed and therefor, the limitations regarding the intended use of the device on a safe are not accorded patentable weight.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

6. Claims 4,5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Vick '273. OFFICIAL NOTICE is taken that the use of anti-tamper anchor bolts such as non-removable or expandable anchor bolts is well known in the lock art for preventing tampering with the mount of a lock device. Accordingly, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify the bolts used to mount the base of Vick by providing anti-tamper bolts as is well known in the art.

7. Claims 10-12,15-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Walsh 5,845,433 in view of Vick '273. Walsh teaches a safe having a base and anti-prying member 77 extending from the base 15 but fails to provide an externally mounted base and rod. Vick teaches an anti-prying device for a hinged door comprising a base 8 having a plurality of anchor holes 7 to receive bolts or screws (col. 5, lines 44-53) and a rod member 2 disposed between the floor surface and the door hinge. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify the anti-prying device of Walsh by providing an external anti-prying device as taught by Vick to be

advantageous in preventing outward prying of a door. It is noted that the method limitations of claims 18-20 are considered inherent to the use of the combined teachings of Walsh and Vick as discussed.

8. Claims 13,14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Walsh '433 in view of Vick '273 as applied to claim 12 above. OFFICIAL NOTICE is taken that the use of anti-tamper anchor bolts such as non-removable or expandable anchor bolts is well known in the lock art for preventing tampering with the mount of a lock device. Accordingly, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify the bolts used to mount the base of Vick by providing anti-tamper bolts as is well known in the art.

Conclusion

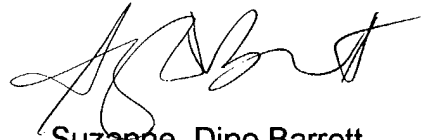
9. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Suzanne Dino Barrett whose telephone number is 703-308-0825. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th 8:30-7:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Anthony Knight can be reached on 703-308-3179. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9326.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-308-1020.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Suzanne Dino Barrett', with a stylized, cursive script.

Suzanne Dino Barrett
Primary Examiner
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